



IN ALASKA, THE TEACHERS AND FIRST RESPONDERS BACK TO WORK ACT WILL PROVIDE \$70.5 MILLION IN FUNDS TO SUPPORT UP TO 900 EDUCATOR JOBS

The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will save or create nearly 400,000 education jobs through critical investments in the education of our nation's children. Specifically, The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will invest \$30 billion to support state and local efforts to retain, rehire, and hire early childhood, elementary, and secondary educators. The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will provide Alaska with an additional \$70.5 million in funds that will support 900 education jobs, provide a jolt to the state economy, and improve the quality of education. By asking millionaires to pay their fair share, The Teachers and First Responders Back to Work Act will grow the Alaska economy without adding a dime to the deficit.

In Alaska, 100 Local Government Jobs Have Been Lost Since 2008, Including Teachers. Local government employment fell by 100 in Alaska over the past three years, showing that teachers, police, firefighters, and other public employees faced layoffs. These layoffs extended the recession and have slowed the recovery in Alaska. [Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, [10/7/11](#); U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, accessed on [10/14/11](#)]

Democrats Helped Alaska Avoid an Even Worse Situation, Preventing Potential Layoffs. Recognizing the financial difficulty that many state and local governments were experiencing, Democrats shepherded the bipartisan Education Jobs Act into law, thereby protecting 400 education jobs in Alaska. Unfortunately, thousands of teacher jobs are still at stake today. [U.S. Department of Education analysis, [8/6/10](#); National Education Association, [5/10](#)]